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Division on Earth and Life Studies Board on Environmental Studies and Toxicology

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Kai Thompson Task Order Contracting Officer Representative U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ORD/CCTE 1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW

Washington, DC 20460

Re: Monthly Progress Report, Variability and Relevance of Current Laboratory Mammalian Toxicity Tests and Expectations for New Approach Methods (NAMs) for use in Human Health Risk Assessment, Contract #68HERC19D0011; Task Order # 68HERC21F0178

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This progress report for the contract task referenced above covers the month of March 2022.

Since project inception, the work accomplished has included preparation and distribution of the call for nominations for the project committee; screening of individual nominations; preparation of a committee nomination slate for National Academies approval; web posting of the approved provisional committee roster for a 20-day public comment period; planning and conduct of the first workshop; and organization and conduct of other open data-gathering sessions as well as closed meetings of the committee. No QA/QC activities or corrective actions have been undertaken.

During the reporting period, National Academies staff conducted the 6th meeting of the committee, in closed session over the internet. The committee discussed the structure and draft introductory sections of the consensus report, the literature review strategy, and the second virtual workshop slated for May 12, 2022. National Academies staff also convened meetings over the internet of the committee in subgroup to advance the literature review tasks, including with the National Academies librarian, and to further develop the draft agenda for the second workshop.

During the forthcoming period, National Academies staff anticipate organizing and conducting committee meetings in closed session, to include the 7th meeting (over the internet) and 8th meeting (as an in-person meeting during the annual Society of Toxicology meeting). In addition, subgroup meetings of the committee are anticipated, to review the results of the literature search and to develop plans for organizing and analyzing the results. Subgroup meetings of the committee will be organized to discuss the draft of the second workshop agenda, which National Academies staff anticipate providing to EPA. In addition, National Academies staff anticipate soliciting background material and committee availability for forthcoming open and closed sessions of the committee as a whole and in subgroups. Project staff also anticipate progress on the *Proceedings in Brief* of the first workshop, including responding to peer review in accordance with National Academies procedures.

A summary and details of project-related expenditures are provided below.

Financial information for February 2022:

Labor Cost	\$
ODCs	\$ Ex. 4 CBI
Overhead	\$ EX. 4 CBI
G&A	\$ [
Total Feb 2022	\$ 21 ,693.32

The total expenditures since inception are \$252,821.02. The attached figures and tables show dollars spent, a comparison of total funds spent and labor costs, cumulative funds spent by activity (excluding labor), and cumulative hours worked by National Academies staff.

Sincerely,

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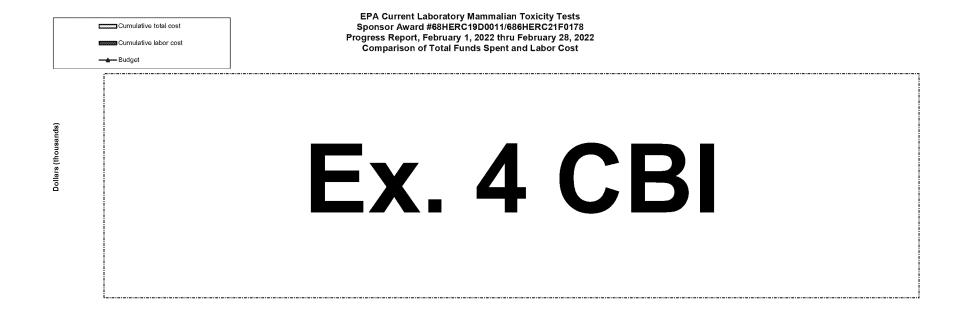
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■ Hours worked this month

■Hours worked to date

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